

**Minutes
Town of Vernon Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting of January 19, 2011**

Commissioners Present: Tim Ackert, Jeff Cohen, Bill Breslau, Bill McGurk, Peter Olson,
James Sendrak

Town Staff Present: Marina Rodriguez

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1. Public Forum: None present
2. Approval of Minutes
On a motion by Commissioner Olson, seconded by Commissioner Breslau, the minutes of December 15, 2010 were approved with one abstention.
3. Administrative Items
Communications and Correspondence: correspondence was circulated.
4. Update on Implementation of EDC Priorities
The Commission agreed to request the Mayor attend our next meeting to discuss the priorities that he wants us to focus on for this year. Staff will try to schedule it. EDC would like to carve out the top two or three areas to concentrate on; then we could realign Commissioners to work on those areas. Commissioner Cohen mentioned home businesses growing into small businesses, and sponsoring a recognition ceremony as a way to support small businesses. Commissioner Ackert will get the list of existing businesses from the Assessor's Office.
5. Tax incentives for Economic Development:
EDC asked staff to send them the information for review and work on it as a Commission. Commissioner Breslau and staff will go through the material after the meeting today.
6. Economic Development Status Update
The status of several projects and inquiries was discussed such as 47 Main St. (Talcottville Mill), 343 Hartford Turnpike (former Bennigan's), and potential assisted living facility; RDA and RCA activities.
7. New Business
Commissioner Breslau reported that RDA received a grant to light up the waterfall by Amerbelle and they are also working on the location of the community sign board.
8. Old Business

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Marina C. Rodriguez, ^{MC}AICP, CED Coordinator & ATP